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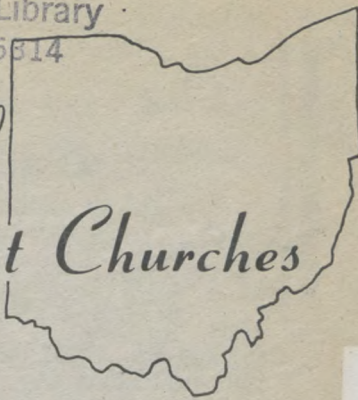
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60th ANNUAL CONFERENCE — OCTOBER 19, 20, 21

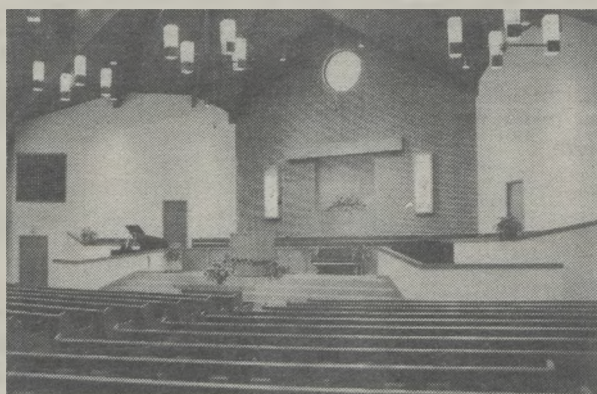
THE PROGRAM

Monday - October 19

5:00 P.M. - NEWCOMERS BANQUET
7:00 P.M. - "OUR FOUNDATION"
Dr. Wendell Kempton

Tuesday - October 20

9:00 A.M. - "THE FOUNDATION OF
PURITY"
James Turner
9:45 A.M. - Association Hour
10:25 A.M. - "THE FOUNDATION OF
PREACHING"
Dr. Wendell Kempton
11:10 A.M. - Association Hour
11:30 A.M. - "THE FOUNDATION OF
FELLOWSHIP"
William Brock
1:30 P.M. - Annual Ladies Meeting
- Men's Workshops
7:00 P.M. - "THE FOUNDATION OF
EVANGELISM"
Dr. Wendell Kempton



Wednesday - October 21

9:00 A.M. - "THE FOUNDATION OF
MISSIONS"
David Marshall
9:45 A.M. - Association Time
10:30 A.M. - "THE FOUNDATION OF
DOCTRINE"
Jack Jacobs
11:15 A.M. - "THE FOUNDATION OF
BLESSED HOPE"
Dr. Wendell Kempton

All Roads Lead To

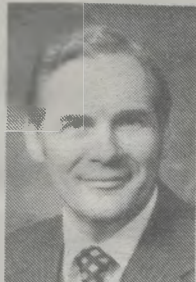
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James Turner



William Brock



David Marshall



Jack Jacobs

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Mark Blocher



Ron Coriell



John Greening



Tony Beckett



Tim Kenoyer

1987 CONFERENCE THEME SONG

Isaiah 28:16/
1 Corinthians 3:11

A SURE FOUNDATION

THEME CHORUS: 60TH O.A.R.B.C. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Merle E. Brock

"Be - hold, I lay in Zi- on for a foun-da-tion a stone,

tried stone, a pre- cious cor- ner stone, a sure foun-da-tion: For

oth- er foun-da-tion can no man lay than that is laid, which is Christ Je-

sus. Be - hold, I lay in Zi-on for a foun-da-tion a stone, a tried

stone, a pre- cious cor-ner stone, a sure foun-da-tion, Je- sus Christ."

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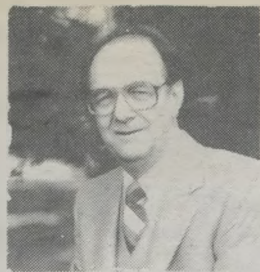
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A Word Of Explanation

Because of transition in publishing the O.I.B., this issue is only eight pages. A number of regular features are not included. We trust you understand and these will again appear in the next issue.

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The Representative's Spot



This issue of the O.I.B. has been a matter of change and transition. If you need to know why, please read "Taking A Look."

We do like to get the October issue out as early as we can in order to continue to encourage you with the Annual Conference and that which is planned for Pastors and people at this time.

Annual Conferences don't just happen. They take planning and work and effort (and Oh, yes, money). The host, Grace Baptist of Cedarville has been preparing for months for all that is necessary to house such a conference. We all attend, and everything goes well, we are comfortable; but it does not just happen. (You really have to do it once to appreciate this.)

The program for Annual Conference does not just happen. Often, speakers are planned two and three years in advance. This year, with the death of Dr. Shipp, a quick change needed to be made and thus we have Dr. Wendell Kempton.

Have you been praying for Annual Conference? Last issue of the O.I.B. carried the complete program. This can be a real guide for specific prayer. Each one who participates is concerned about what the Lord would have them do. That takes prayer and, yes, prayer of others.

Maybe your church could have a special time of prayer for Annual Conference during a regular service or Wednesday evening or at a specific time. Would you pastors give this some consideration? I fear sometimes that we look to Annual Conference, attend, but don't really expect much to happen. Read that sentence again. Is that true with you? Dear Reader, encourage your pastor to have prayer for Annual Conference.

I trust Annual Conference does not happen just because it is that time of the year again. This should be a spiritual highlight and a time of anticipation - preparation - and results.

Pray for the music, the musicians, the speakers, the workshops, the business sessions, the ladies meeting. But, most of all, pray for the Lord's hand to direct in every minute of this Conference.

SOME OLD THINGS

- Did you send in your church annual report (to Pastor Davis)?
- Did you send in your nominees for the Council of 12 (to Pastor Davis)?
- Did you send money (excuse me, an offering) just for Annual Conference expense?
- Pastor, have you already made plans to attend, beginning Monday evening through Wednesday noon? (Also, are you bringing your wife?)
- Have you pastors encouraged some of your people to attend, even if for only a day?

ATTENTION, NEW PASTORS AND ASSISTANTS!

- Have you returned your answer to the State Representative for the Newcomers Banquet on Monday evening of Annual Conference?
- We do want every new pastor, his wife and assistant and wife who have come since last Annual Conference to come to this special time planned just for you.
- Please let us know that you will be coming.
- If you are new and have not received a personal invitation, please let us know immediately so that you might be included.

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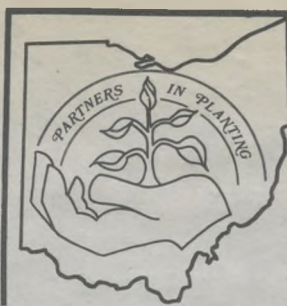
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Creating a Climate For Church Planting

In 1776, there were less than 3,000 churches in the United States. In 1980, there were over 300,000. Some have said, "Enough is enough. If anything we have too many churches." What steps can be taken to create a mental climate for church planting?

1. Write and implement a church mission policy. Many "missionary" churches are not missionary. Many have stated policy for financial support of overseas missions, but have never considered putting their philosophy into action through direct action at home. How many daughters has your church birthed in its history? Would it be called sterile, or fertile? The church should focus on real opportunities and concrete challenges so the membership can practice what is preached.

2. Be realistic about social, cultural, and geographic barriers. A congregation, no matter how large, that meets in Hammond, Indiana, cannot adequately minister to Steubenville, Ohio, no matter how large the bus or dedicated the worker.

Cultural and social barriers are just as real. If we do not actively offer Christ to everyone in our community (not just welcome them if they come) we are guilty of doctrinal heresy. But we need to realize that in every period of significant growth, including the Book of Acts, the church grew horizontally among various social and ethnic groups. Jews and Samaritans, middle class whites and Negroes like to come to Christ without crossing social barriers. It is un-Christian to insist the only way a garbage man can become a Christian and active church member is in the church where the president of the bank is the leading layman.

3. Combat spiritual myopia. One's community, no matter how needy, is not the whole world. It is very natural for some to say, "Why should we preach the Gospel in other places when we have not won our own community to Christ yet?" Such an outlook would have confined Christianity to Judea as an insignificant sect of Judaism.

4. Be honest about small church efficiency. We live in the "big church" era. Although "big churches" baptized more numerically per year, small churches baptize more per active membership. In

one study it was found that churches between 2,000 and 3,000 averaged 57 baptisms per year. Churches between 200-300 averaged 7 per year. Ten of the smaller churches would have baptized 13 more people than one large church. We need to reconsider "small, struggling" mission churches.

5. Develop a congregational strategy for church planting. Among some of our more "progressive" churches long range planning has come of age. Goals are set. Actions are determined. Responsibilities are assigned. Leadership is developed. Each church should also develop a long-range strategy for church planting over the years. The quickest way to turn the growth graph of a local church upward is to plant a daughter congregation. Extension multiplies the ministry of a church in a dramatic way. The church is now growing in another locale. This is not competition.

6. Cultivate the spirit of winning. Jesus said the church would storm the gates of Hell and they could not prevail against us. The church is called to victory, growth, and achievement. A church that expects great things from God will attempt great things for God.

This is the second of a five part series on preparing the local church for church planting. Next month: Creating a church planting strategy for the local church.

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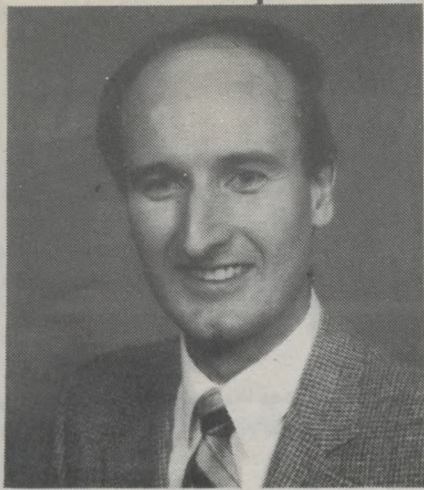
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July/August	July 24	July 6
September	September 4	August 17

(WOMEN'S MATERIAL — DEADLINE ONE WEEK EARLIER)

Going To Pleasant Heights- East Liverpool



Pastor Jim Read

The Pleasant Heights Baptist Church of East Liverpool has called Pastor Jim Read to become their new pastor. Pastor Read comes to East Liverpool after having served six years as Assistant to the pastor at First Baptist Church in Niles.

Pastor Read is a 1974 graduate of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. He has been active in Ohio as a member of the State Youth Committee for the past two years and is currently serving as the Chairman for the Ohio Talents for Christ program.

Pastor Read, his wife, Dottie and their two children (Rebekah 4½ and Timothy 3) will begin their new ministry on October 11th.

New Assistant Grace - Troy



The Grace Baptist Church of Troy, Ohio has called Pastor Larry D. Bissett as the Assistant to the Pastor as of August 31, 1987. His ministry emphasis will be in the areas of youth and music.

Pastor Bissett is a graduate of Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania and traveled for the college for a year in the Collegians Brass Quintet upon graduation. He has ministered for the past eight years on the pastoral staff of the First Baptist Church in Elkhart, Indiana.

Pastor Bissett and his wife, Deb, who is also a BBC graduate in Christian School education, have two children, Karis and Jordan.

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Baptist Mission - North American Candidate Class



The 1987 Candidate School of the Baptist Mission of North America was held September 7-18 at the Abbe Road Baptist Church in Elyria, Ohio. It was a delightful and thrilling class of forty-one candidates.

I Left California



For Cedarville College

I love California. There has to be a pretty good reason for me to leave the beach, the mountains, and the desert which are just minutes from my home in San Bernardino. But, when it comes to Cedarville College, there are a lot of reasons to leave California.

Friends told me I would get an excellent Christian education at Cedarville — one that would prepare me for almost any career.

They said I would have many opportunities to grow spiritually because the Bible is really taken seriously.

They also told me about the friendly people there — that they would really care about me — and that Cedarville is a fun place with lots to do right on campus.

And you know, when I arrived I found all these things to be true, and more.

I'm amazed at the many Christian service opportunities like helping at the Dayton Detention Center and traveling with a gospel team to Australia.

My classes are challenging. My professors have lots of experience and teach from a biblical perspective. They've been so willing to meet with me one-on-one, to help or just to talk!

Everyone at Cedarville really takes an interest in me and wants to bring out the best in me. President Dixon tells us to call him any time we have a problem, even long distance. And, he means it.

I really like chapel at Cedarville. The Bible teaching is great. Speakers are brought in from around the world and what they say is really interesting and practical. Being at the College has made me more confident in my faith and has given me the desire to know even more about God.

Yes, I love my home, but for my college education, I'm glad I left California for Cedarville College.

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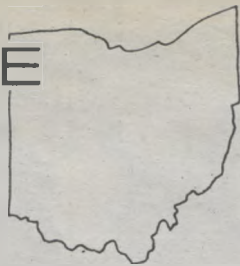
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HURCH

Highlights

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AND CALENDARS RECEIVED
DO WE RECEIVE YOURS?



AKRON

Brown Street

Robert Kuhns, pastor

- Sept. - Evangelistic meetings with Fred Marquardt
- Just-For-Youth Night
- College/Career cook out
- Youth outing to Cleveland Indians game

First

Ernest Bloom, pastor

- Sept. - Attendance Drive for Sunday School
- Oct. - Old Fashioned Sunday

Highview

Joseph Chapman, pastor

- Aug. - Rev. Curtis Thomas
- Sept. - Special meetings with Norm Sharbaugh

AMHERST

Faith

Robert Barrett, pastor

- Sept. - Youth to Cleveland Indians game
- Presentation of Operation Outreach
- B.M.N.A. Certification Service

ASHLAND

Calvary

Stephen Worth, pastor

- Sept. - Began film series, Swindoll's "Strengthening Your Grip"

BEDFORD

Bible

William Davis, pastor

- Sept. - Missionary Conference with Rev. & Mrs. Charles Zimmerman, Mr. & Mrs. Craig Kordic & Dr. William Brock
- 50th Anniversary Banquet

BELLE CENTER

New Richland

Joel Harriman, pastor

- Sept. - Teens at Cedar Point
- Bibles International
- Oct. - Evangelistic meetings with Fred Marquardt

BELLEFONTAINE

Calvary

Barry Grahl, pastor

- Sept. - STEM team report on ministry in Jamaica
- Adult Retreat at Deer Creek State Park with Dr. Paul Martin
- Joe and Sharon Holloway, BMM to New Zealand
- Oct. - James Scott, missionary to deaf
- Hosted South Bethel Ladies Missionary meeting

First Regular

Jesse Howell Jr., pastor

- Sept. - Dorcas Ladies first fall meeting with Mrs. Merle Brock

BEREA

Berea

Kenneth Spink, pastor

- Aug. - Dr. Elvin Mattison, president of Spurgeon
- Sept. - All-day Agape Fellowship/Dinner/afternoon service
- "Ladies, Bring A Friend, Salad Supper" with Mrs. Kathy Webber

BERLIN HEIGHTS

Berlin Heights

Jack McCullough, pastor

- Sept. - Potluck dinner with the Sam Bolet family, missionaries to Spain

BLANCHESTER

First

- Aug. - Rev. Floyd Elmore
- Sept. - Ladies Missionary Fellowship with Mrs. Debbie Quick, report on trip to Africa

BROOK PARK

Mid-Brook

David Knudson, pastor

- Sept. - Annual Corn Roast
- Women's Missionary Fellowship Kick-off Dinner
- Oct. - Evangelistic meetings with Carl Thomason

BUCYRUS

Calvary

Howard Jones, pastor

- Sept. - Adult outing to Yankee Peddler Festival
- Sid Baker, missionary to France

BYESVILLE

Calvary

Donald Parvin, pastor

- Sept. - Teen Trip to Cedar Point
- Oct. - Rev. Gerald Smelser, Cleveland Hebrew Mission
- Missionary Banquet, "Christmas In Bangladesh"
- Missionary Conference with Dr. & Mrs. Donn Ketcham, Bangladesh; Rev. & Mrs. Joseph Holloway, New Zealand; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Jacobs, Ireland

CALDWELL

New Harmony

Eric Cuenin, pastor

- Aug. - David Gerhardt, BMNA
- David Seefried, EBM in West Germany
- Sunday School picnic

CAMBRIDGE

Grace

Fred Barrett, pastor

- Sept. - Missionaiders Meeting

CANTON

Grace

Max McCullough, pastor

- Sept. - Ron DeJong, BMM to Australia
- Annual Sunday School picnic

Oct.

Missionary Conference, Home Missions with Bud Johnson, Floyd Stanfill, and Rick Brooks

Perry

Kenneth Floyd, pastor

- Sept. - Grandparents Day
- Surprise reception for former Pastor and Mrs. Gordon Roloff for 40th Wedding Anniversary
- Softball team cook-out

CLEVELAND

Cedar Hill

David Moore, pastor

- Sept. - Evening service began at 6:00
- Parent/Teen Pizza/Volleyball Night

Madison Avenue

James Hunt, pastor

- Sept. - Sunday School picnic
- Evelyn Metzler, missionary
- Choir Banquet featuring the Crosslight Trio

COLUMBUS

Bethesda

Paul Vaughn, pastor

- Sept. - Bible Conference with Dr. William Brock
- Adult/Teen Workday

Clintonville

George Hattenfield, pastor

- Sept. - Ron Ormsby, missionary to Hong Kong
- College Age to King's Island
- Goldenagers trip to Marietta

Immanuel

William Abernathy, pastor

- Sept. - Peter Ringelberg, missionary
- Film, "Twice Pardoned"
- Keen-Agers to Air Force Museum

Maranatha

Timothy Kenoyer, pastor

- Sept. - Anniversary Sunday with Rev. Joseph Holloway, missionary to New Zealand
- SPARKS kick-off picnic

Memorial

Thomas Wright, pastor

- Aug. - Diane Dadum, missionary to Brazil
- Sept. - Missionaries: Earl Shaffer, BMNA/Gary Spence, ABWE to Spain

COMMERCIAL POINT

Welch Road

Randall Nelson, pastor

- Sept. - Rally Sunday
- John Gouge, BMM to England
- Teens to Old Man's Cave

DAYTON

Washington Heights

Larry Fetzer, pastor

- Sept. - Fall Ladies Luncheon
- Began four Women's Bible Studies
- Women's Retreat at Hueston Woods with Mary White

DEFIANCE

Faith

Warren Lewis, pastor

- Oct. - Fall Missions Conference with Jess and Joyce Eaton, ABWE

DELAWARE

Calvary

David Culver, pastor

- Sept. - Dave Douglas began ministry as assistant
- County Fair Evangelism
- Oct. - Missions Conference with Gary & Corene Spence, ABWE, Spain/Joe & Sharon Holloway, BMM, New Zealand/the Moons, WOL

DUBLIN

Fellowship

Les Newell, pastor

- Aug. - Evangelist Tom Price
- Sept. - Began a new JOY Club
- First over-50 get-together/cookout

DUNDEE

Lakeview

Robert Veenhuis, pastor

- Sept. - Ron and Doris DeJong
- Seminar with Judge O'Farrell
- Oct. - Friends Day

ELYRIA

Abbe Road

James Turner, pastor

- Sept. - Women's Ministries Soup & Salad Dinner with Joy Spieth, BMM to Brazil
- Father/Son outing to Cleveland Indian game
- Sunday School picnic

First

Bradley Quick, pastor

- Sept. - Tim Kaufman, tenor, in concert
- Hosted Spaghetti Dinner for BMNA candidates

Oct.

Young People's Barnyard Bash

FINDLAY

First

Richard Pettitt, pastor

- Sept. - Father/Son camp-out and fishing trip
- Oct. - Eighth Annual Sunday School Conference
- Women's Missionary Fellowship Progressive Dinner

FOSTORIA

Fostoria

David Chapman, pastor

- Aug. - David Burk shared trip to Australia
- Sept. - "End of Summer" Fellowship

GALION

First

- Sept. - Walt Keib began as interim pastor
- Film, "Under Arrest"
- Oct. - Bob Stone in special meetings

GALLIPOLIS

Faith

James Lusher, pastor

- Sept. - Kick-off for Fall Youth Programs
- Skating party

First

Joseph Godwin, pastor

- Sept. - Homecoming Sunday at Bob Evans Shelter/Dinner/ Bob Spradling

Oct.

Film, "Twice Pardoned"

GALLOWAY

Alton Road

Thomas Waldo, pastor

- Aug. - Deacon Watch Care Corn Roast and Singalong
- Robert Rohm, Cedarville College

GRAFTON

Midview

Larry Green, pastor

- Oct. - Men's Fellowship pig roast

HOMEWORTH

Mount Pleasant

R. Lee Grosh, pastor

- Aug. - Fifth Sunday missionary cupboard day - baby things and tools

JAMESTOWN

Shawnee Hills

Dennis Henderson, pastor

- Sept. - Teens, Buzzard Bait
- Craig and Darlene Kordic, missionaries
- Special offering Day for Operation "Heartshare"

JOHNSTOWN

Independent

Drew Baker, pastor

- Sept. - First Annual "Super Sixties" Olympics
- Missions Weekend with Doug & Dixie Mathews, appointees to Germany/Family Banquet/Film, "The Greatest Story Never Told"
- Mortgage burning service and carry-in dinner

KENTON

Faith

Dennis Burns, pastor

- Sept. - Missionary Conference with Sam Bolet, Spain/Bob Humphreys, Friends of Israel/Craig Kordic, Hong Kong
- Homecoming Sunday with former pastor Ray Dunn as speaker

LAKEVIEW

Faith

Marlin Bowes, pastor

- Sept. - Special meetings with Mike Coyle

LANCASTER

Calvary

Fred Hand, pastor

- Sept. - Teacher's Workshop with Joan Fisher, Cedarville College
- Special meetings with Dr. Don Tyler
- Kirby Lancaster, Australia, former pastor
- Oct. - Cedarville College Abundant Life Singers

Faith

Allan Kreamer, pastor

- Sept. - Day of Prayer and Fasting

LEMOYNE

Lemoyme

Ronald Shinkle, pastor

- Sept. - Hobo Dinner
- Men's and Ladies' Breakfast and work day
- Sweetest Day Banquet
- Dr. George Zemec

LIMA

Meadowbrook

Henry Halblaub, pastor

- Sept. - Men's Fellowship and work day
- VBS Workers' Tea
- Earl Shaffer, BMNA
- Youth outing at King's Island
- Missionary Circle Fall Kickoff Tea
- Christmas in September for missionaries
- Oct. - Evangelistic meetings with Norm Sharbaugh

LONDON

Grace

David Morris, pastor

- Oct. - Rally Day
- Annual Missionary Conference

LORAIN

Fellowship

Frank Chittock, pastor

- Sept. - Women's Christian Fellowship Luncheon
- Special meetings with Dr. Charles Wagner, president of G.R.B.C.
- Ladies Lock-In
- David Schmidt, missionary to Israel

LOUISVILLE

First

Kenneth Pugh, pastor

- Sept. - Film, "The Healing"
- Oct. - Church-wide hayride/wiener roast
- Missionary Conference with Ellen Hornbrook, missionary to Mexico

MCDONALD

First

Thomas Brennan, pastor

- Aug. - Ken Beckley, missionary
- Gleaners Class picnic

MARION

Oak Knoll

Clyde Albertson, pastor

- Sept. - Rev. Gerald Phipps, Baptist Children's Home
- Oct. - Rev. Ray Dunn, BMNA Jewish missionary

MASSILLON

Calvary

- Aug. - Gary...

MEDINA

First

- Sept. - Jerry...
- Oct. - Carol...
- Dr. W...
- Miss...
- R...
- H...
- B...

MINFORD

Grace

- Aug. - Film...
- Rev. P...
- Sept. - Bob...

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- Sept. - Faith...
- Oct. - Rally...
- Adult...

MOUNT VERNON

Faith

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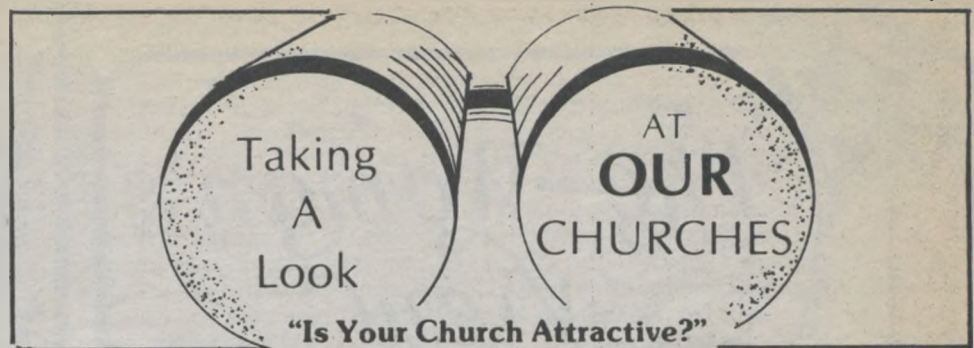
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Not at our churches, but this issue of the O.I.B.

I am sure few people who read the O.I.B. ever look at the top of the first page and notice the volume number of the publication. That is probably a true statement of every publication that is read.

If you would look at the first page, you will read that the volume is 61. Volume numbers refer to the years in print. That's right, with this issue, the O.I.B. has been printed for 60 years. We now start the 61st year. There are not many older Fundamental publications in the United States. As near as I can investigate, the O.I.B. is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, continuous Baptist publication in the nation.

Some of you have heard us present information about the Association and the O.I.B. in your church (at least a few of you have). The Ohio Association of Regular Baptist churches is older than the General Association of Regular Baptist churches. The O.A.R.B.C. began in October, 1928. The G.A.R.B.C. began in 1932. Actually, the Ohio Association was the beginning, the forerunner, of the Regular Baptist movement.

But, more than this, the Ohio Independent Baptist is older than the Ohio Association. The O.I.B. began in 1927. It was a publication put out by Dr. Chester Tulga when he was pastor of First Baptist, Niles. It was known as "The Hornet." When the Ohio Association began, it adopted the "Hornet" as its official organ. During the first year, it had a number of name changes - "The Baptist Bible Union" - then the "Bible Union Baptist" - then the "Ohio Regular Baptist" - and last, in November 1929, "The Ohio Independent Baptist."

Chester Tulga continued a bit as the Editor, then Dr. Robert Ketcham, pastor in Elyria, and in 1929, the editor's name was William Garvin. Believe it or not, your present editor knew all three (not at the time they were editor) in the years that followed. Hard for me to believe that Garvin was a beginning teacher in the Grand Rapids School in its beginning, which is now the Grand Rapids Baptist College. That was my first acquaintance with him. Over the years, we had H.K. Finley, Ralph Nordland, Don Moffat as editors.

Some of you readers may remember that the O.I.B. was originally magazine format such as the Baptist Bulletin and, for many years, was 24 pages each issue. I wish space would allow us to reprint some articles from these early issues. It was a well printed magazine, always on shiny paper, and well designed for printing in its day.

In 1976, the O.I.B. took on its present format. Circulation by subscription for the magazine was well received but never quite paid for itself and by going to the present format, all churches could receive the publication at considerably less cost than printing as a subscription magazine. And, as you know, an official organ is no better than the number of copies that are read. Under the magazine type, it appears that no more than 3200 copies were printed each issue. Today, we print nearly 10,000 copies of each issue of the O.I.B. True circulation in all the churches would probably increase that number by 50%.

During the last eleven plus years, the O.I.B. has been set and prepared for print by the Northwest News of Hilliard, Ohio. (Your editor has always pasted the printed copy up even when Don Moffat was editor.) This pasted set-up of each page was then printed by Central Ohio Printing Corporation of London, Ohio and mailed by them thru the London Post Office. This has always been an excellent relationship and arrangement for the editor and has eased his work tremendously.

But time moves on. The Northwest News was sold this month and we were left without a means of setting and designing the paper for print. We are thankful that Central Ohio Printing is now working with us and this is the first issue of working totally with them. This was difficult because we print both September and October as separate issues.

The mailing of the O.I.B. has been the only area that has increased in cost over the past years. This is a difficult task but our printer is directly across the street from the Post Office. However, we have been told that our postage rate will increase 25-38% next year. That is a large increase.

We will need to look carefully at the O.I.B. Certainly we do not wish to decrease the number of issues any further. We should print 10 issues per year. So we must consider a way to decrease cost or increase income.

We will, in the months to come, experiment with delivering some church bundles by United Parcel. This in hopes of reducing some circulation costs. With this we will also need to look at the set up work for copy and preparation for printing. There are many ways to consider but all will cost come initial investment to accomplish what is necessary. Anything that we do will increase the office workload.

We trust you are interested and that you will pray and, thru the Lord's direction, we will see the O.I.B. continue, improve, enlarge, and more copies needed.

Oh yes, we need more of your articles, activities, pictures, and events. Thank you for taking a look at the O.I.B. with us!

Rochester Calls Pastor

On June 1st, Thomas Kurtz began his ministry at Rochester Baptist Church.

Pastor Kurtz is a 1986 graduate of Baptist Bible College and before coming to Rochester was interim pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Dallas, Pennsylvania. He is a native of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Kurtz (Jody) is a registered nurse and also a graduate of Baptist Bible College.

As Pastor Kurtz writes, "They have no children - yet!"

The Hebron Fellowship and the O.A.R.B.C. welcomes them to Ohio.

Charles Johnson, pastor
ABWE missionary appointees to Spain

SANDUSKY

Calvary

Thomas Townsend, pastor

- Sept. - Christmas in September for missionaries
- Rev. Joel Kettenring, Friends of Israel
- Women's Missionary Union Pitch-In Salad Luncheon
- All-day choir retreat
- Fall Tea
- Oct. - Missionary Conference

STREETSBORO

Faith

J. Tony Beckett, pastor

- Sept. - Grandparents Day
- Youth Kick-off Pizza
- Snak-N-Yak

STRUTHERS

Struthers Tabernacle

Jerry Bell, pastor

- Aug. - Ladies Baptist Mid-Missions Tour
- Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Keaton, ABWE Brazil
- Oct. - Ken Beckley, EBM Mali

STRYKER

First

Daniel Douglass, pastor

- Sept. - Verne Kirby, missionary to Hawaii
- Youth Campout

SUNBURY

Grace

Dalvin Creamer, pastor

- Aug. - Canoe Outing
- Sept. - Hobo Picnic with Newark

TALLMADGE

First

David Henry, pastor

- Sept. - Sunday School picnic

TOLEDO

Bethel

Rod Niner, pastor

- Sept. - Grandparents Day/Parent-Baby Dedication
- WOL Collegians, "Revelation"
- Ray Dunn, MNA

Emmanuel

Edward Fuller, pastor

- Sept. - Jr. Hi Fall Adventure
- Evangelism Prayer meeting
- Oct. - Ladies Retreat, "Finding Your Niche"
- Sr. Hi Fall Advance
- Jr. Hi hayride

Grace

Robert Perry, pastor

- Oct. - Lorraine Cormier - 1987 VBS missionary project gift to be given

TROY

Grace

Charles J. Pausley, pastor

- Sept. - Activities: Missionary Guild/LIFE Bible Study/Men's Breakfast

VAN WERT

Fatih

Fred Jensen, pastor

- Sept. - Fair Sunday/Carry-in dinner/Afternoon service
- George Fissel
- Pastor Bill Baker

WARREN

Bethel

- Sept. - Rev. Rod Winyard

WELLINGTON

First

David Birch, pastor

- Sept. - "Burger Bash" for Adults
- Began film series, "Origins"
- Chaplain Jim May and Family

WESTERVILLE

Grace

- Sept. - Annual Missionary Conference with Martin & Lucille Eaton, BMNA/Michael and Holly Hammons, BMM/Nancy Knopf, BMM
- Oct. - Beginning Women's Bible Study
- Ladies Missionary Fellowship Kick-off Banquet with Brenda Ditmar

WESTLAKE

Grace

Jack Jacobs, pastor

- Sept. - Young families hosted "Grandparents Day"
- Farewell Fellowship for Debbie Owen, going to Japan
- Oct. - Joint Heirs "Around The World Excursion"

WILLOUGHBY HILLS

Nottingham

Donald McClintick, pastor

- Sept. - Senior Saints to Chautaugua Lake and cruise on steamer
- Lt. Col. Don Coble
- Oct. - Ladies Annual Retreat

WILLOWICK

First

Donald Leitch, pastor

- Sept. - Special meetings with Dr. Allan Lewis
- Ken Starett, AWANA
- Young People's second annual "Hallelujah Hoedown"
- Sr. Hi to Geauga Lake

XENIA

Calvary

Wayne Hart, pastor

- Aug. - Pizza party for answerers of trivia question
- Bike Rodeo with pastor
- Ray Dunn, BMNA, in seminar

YOUNGSTOWN

Boardman

Frank Reynolds, pastor

- Sept. - Rev. Leigh Adams, BMM
- Jr./Sr. Hi outdoor film, "Twice Pardoned"

James Brown, pastor

Robert Seymour, pastor

Merlyn Jones, pastor

Drew Walther, pastor

Jack McCurry, pastor

Karl Stelzer, pastor

G. Ben Reed, pastor

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John Fleck, pastor

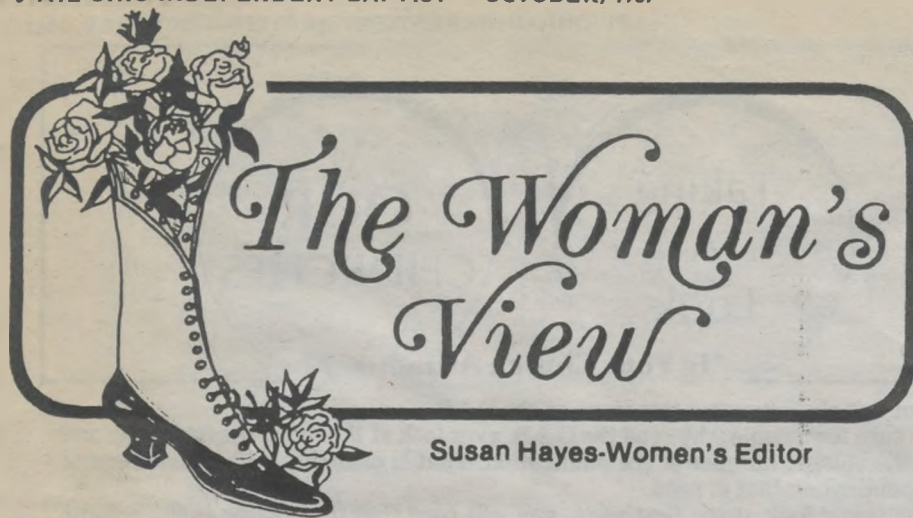
George Keith, pastor

Howard Reed, pastor

David Gose, pastor

John Gowdy, pastor

Walter Lucas, pastor



Excellence of Wisdom: Only the Beginning

By Sandi Harner

Imagine that you have decided to run a race. Believe me, that takes a bit more imagination for me than it does for some of you. But imagine with me that you have put on your sweats and your jogging shoes; you have done all the warming-up exercises to stretch-out your muscles, and you are ready for the race. You put your toe on the line and at the appropriate signal you are off and running. You become weary; you are sweating and panting for breath. (Some of us more than others!) But the end is in sight. You cross the finish line with the feeling of accomplishment that comes when you achieve a difficult goal. But wait! This isn't the finish line — this is the beginning. All that energy expended, and this is just the beginning.

What does all this have to do with WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE? Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 7:12, "But the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it." If we are to be WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE, we must obtain the excellency of knowledge which is wisdom.

Proverbs 2:1-6 tells us how to obtain that wisdom. There are three things that we must do and then God promises a result. Obtaining the result is conditional upon our completion of the three "ifs."

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Norene Russ attended Grand Rapids Baptist College, where she met her husband, Roger. They have served with the Baptist Mid-Missions in Ghana, West Africa since 1973. She and her husband are involved in some medical and relief work, plus evangelism, church planting, Scripture translation and literacy work. They are the only missionaries working in the Laura district with the Dagarti tribe. The Russes have an 18-year-old son, Ben.



NORENE RUSS

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1. IF you are willing to think hard. The first two verses have four verbs: things that we must do. "Receive my words means reach out and grab them." "Hide my commandments" means the intense mental activity required when memorizing Scripture. "Incline thine ear" means perk up your ears and pay attention. "Apply thine heart" means to spread our hearts over God's understanding. This is hard work!

2. IF you are willing to pray hard. "Crying after knowledge" is the intense, effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man.

3. IF you are willing to work hard. "Seeking her (wisdom) as silver, and searching for her as for hid treasures" implies a diligence and earnestness in pursuit.

IF you are willing to think hard, pray hard, and work hard, THEN "shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God" (Proverbs 2:5).

All that hard work — and you will have achieved your goal. God has promised that IF you do these three things, THEN you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. But wait! This is not the finish line. This is only the beginning. "The fear of the Lord is the BEGINNING of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7). Women who truly desire excellence will study Proverbs 2 and will put all their energies into the hard work of thinking, praying, and working toward the knowledge of God which is wisdom. Then it will be said of her, "I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and EXCELLENT wisdom is found in thee" (Daniel 5:14).

"This Is Your Life" Quilt



The Women's Missionary Fellowship of Norton Baptist Church, surprised Marcia Elmore, wife of Pastor David Elmore, with a "This Is Your Life" quilt.

More than 60 women from the church helped by donating money for the materials, doing the embroidery work and doing the actual quilting. They also made a matching pillow with her favorite Bible verse, Isaiah 41:10 stitched on it.

The quilt squares highlight her life, starting with her birth announcement. It includes her high school graduation, wedding and the birth of her two daughters, Deborah Limbaugh and Carol Sigriz.

The quilt also has squares to include the houses where she has lived, the churches where she and her husband have served, the wedding dates of her daughters and the births of each of her grandsons, Justin, Jack and Jordan Limbaugh, and Jason Sigriz.

There is a grand piano on one square to show that she is an accomplished pianist and a square showing her hobbies, which include quilting, cooking, stenciling and tole painting. Her favorite verses are also stitched into the quilt.

"This is one of the most precious things that has ever been done for me; it really showed me their love," said Mrs. Elmore.

HEBRON FALL RALLY

The Fall Hebron Rally will be Tuesday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m. with a theme, "A Time To Build." It will be at the Abbe Road Baptist Church, 670 North Abbe Road, Elyria, Ohio.

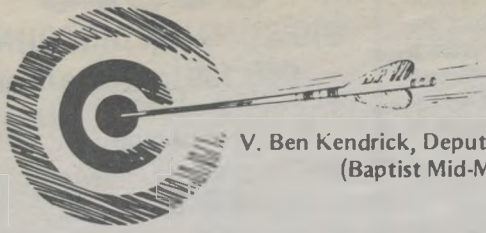
Our speakers will be Debbie Quick and Wanda Gough. Mrs. Quick and her pastor husband went to Liberia, Africa earlier this year for Baptist Mid-Missions. She will show slides and present the needs that she saw there first

hand. Mrs. Gough's husband is currently Field Administrator for Africa for Baptist Mid-Missions.

A luncheon will be served at noon. Ladies may bring a sandwich if they wish. A nursery will be provided.

The Hebron ladies are reminded that the year's project, "A Schoolroom for Haiti," is due at this meeting or send checks to: Joan Fertig, 324 University Avenue, Elyria, Ohio 44035.

We anticipate a great day. See you there!



ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS

V. Ben Kendrick, Deputation Coordinator
(Baptist Mid-Missions)

I was in an adult Sunday School class recently where there was an interesting discussion on the role of women in Christian ministries. Specific examples were given from the Scriptures involving the activities of women and the part they play in serving the Lord.

One of the class members asked the following question: "Isn't it true that there are more women in missions than men?" This question prompted even more discussion and also touched upon a vital statistic in missions. There is no doubt that among the approved mission agencies of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, there are more women missionaries than men.

Now with this fact established, the question is asked immediately, "Is this God's program for missions? Does He intend for the women to outnumber the men in this great worldwide ministry?"

First of all, I want to comment on the ministries of women missionaries. Without them, missions would be in sad condition throughout the world. There are ministries in missions in which it is practical for only women to be involved. I'm thinking now, for example, of such things as classes for women, teenage girls groups, and children. Women have also proven to be very successful in ministries involving medical work in hospitals and dispensaries, translation, office work, etc.

There is definitely a ministry for women in missions, and they do an excellent job in carrying out their responsibilities. I am referring to both married and single ladies.

It is interesting to me, being close to the heart of the administration of the ministry of Baptist Mid-Missions, to see that women not only outnumber the men in career missions but also in short-term missions. Perhaps the percentage is even greater in short-term ministries than in career missions. Even in the college-age Missionary Apprenticeship Program, there are more women involved than there are men. This same trend even filters down to our Baptist Mid-Missions' high school apprenticeship program.

Is God actually calling more women than men to do His work in missions? I don't believe so. It is my firm belief that God's call to missions upon the lives of many men has gone unheeded. I'm sure there are men today who should be on the mission fields of the world but instead are involved in other vocations. Missions probably show the lack of men personnel more than in any other ministry.

In previous articles that I have written, I have asked the question, "Where are the men?" I know of more than one missionary woman who has done a man's job simply because there wasn't a man on hand to do it.

What is the answer to this problem? Can something be done to challenge the men a bit more? This thought has been very much upon my heart as I see and hear of the need for men in missions. I really don't know what the answer is to this probing question. Is it possible that there is something that we have missed in recruiting more male workers for missions? Surely there is a limit as to how many involvement programs are presented to challenge men for missions. I'm sure, too, that it would be difficult to improve on the many challenging messages preached or the one-on-one counseling done. It simply boils down to how much the individual is open to the Lord's leading. The Bible tells us in Luke 10:2, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

Perhaps we aren't really praying enough for the needed workers as we should. We must believe that God's supply is always sufficient for every need. This is true of the need for laborers for the harvest field. Are women, generally speaking, more tenderhearted to the need and more responsive to God's call than men? Perhaps they are.

This brings me to one of my favorite subjects, MEN FOR MISSIONS. This exciting program provides for the men in the churches excellent opportunities to become involved in missions on the local church location as well as working with missions on their locations. Every church needs to have such a men's missions fellowship. It will stimulate the interest of the men for missions and will definitely have positive beneficial effects on the overall ministry of the church. This in no way is meant to be a substitution for one who is called by God to be a missionary.

Informative brochures on MEN IN MISSIONS can be obtained by contacting Dr. V. Ben Kendrick, MEN FOR MISSIONS, Baptist Mid-Missions, P.O. Box 308011, Cleveland, OH 44130-8011.

To help further advance the ministry of missions among the men in the churches, the First Baptist Church, Lapeer, Michigan, has scheduled, in cooperation with Baptist Mid-Missions, a statewide MEN FOR MISSIONS retreat for March 18 & 19, 1988. Special workshops will highlight the event. Sharing in this responsibilities are: Dr. Harry Walmer, president, Men For Missions, Hampton Park Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina; Mr. David Whitten, president, Men For Missions, First Baptist Church, Lapeer, Michigan; Rev. Lawrence Fetzner, pastor, Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio; Rev. James Neely, assistant pastor, Washington Heights Baptist Church; and Dr. V. Ben Kendrick, Baptist Mid-Missions.

I think it would be great if we could have such a MEN FOR MISSIONS retreat in other states as well. This could possibly begin to develop as this article is read by the men in the churches. In fact, I would encourage such statewide retreats for those interested in MEN FOR MISSIONS.

Failure to respond to the need does not in any way minimize the importance of the need. Missions is God's program to evangelize the human race. The Lord's command is "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already for harvest" (John 4:35b). He says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15b). It is for us to respond, "Here am I, send me."

There is much to be done for the great cause of missions. Men and Women alike need to be constantly involved in this blessed ministry which provides opportunities for all of us.

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SMOKE SIGNALS FROM SCIOTO HILLS

"And we know that all things work together for good..." Yes, Christians know that, but it does not become real until something happens to test that truth in our lives. Despite the fire last March and the many "setbacks" experienced subsequent to the loss of the dining hall, God has worked all things together for good this summer at Scioto Hills. Our "setbacks" are often His "setups" to do something for which only He can receive the credit. Although summer camp began slowly in terms of numbers, it finished well. We rejoice and praise the Lord for the 765 campers your churches sent to us. One Juniors Week saw nearly 200 campers and counselors scattered across "the Hills." (We had to eat in shifts that week, but even that went well.) In the eight weeks of camp God effected 74 decisions: 24 for salvation; 25 for assurance; 20 dedications; and 5 others. By the way, it's time to "Think Summer Camp 1988." Below is our summer schedule for '88:

June 13: Juniors
June 20: Junior High
June 27: Juniors
July 4: Senior High
July 11: Junior High
July 18: Juniors
July 25: Juniors
Aug. 1: Family Camp

Churches that plan ahead will want to put these dates on their calendars now. Also, our teen winter retreats for 1988 will be: Jan. 22-23 - Junior High; and Jan. 29-30 - Senior High.

Just a brief update regarding the new dining hall. As soon as the plans are approved by the State, we can begin building. Please pray for the soon (and smooth) approval of the submitted drawings, and for the manpower needed to construct, once the time to build is here. Thanks again for all your prayers and gifts. These, too, are being used of God for good.

Dedication - Grace Port Clinton



Pastor Howard Reed and the folks of Grace Baptist Church of Port Clinton, Ohio, are rejoicing over the dedication of the mission congregation's new building. The new edifice will seat 150, with room for fellowship events, Sunday School classes, nursery, and office.

The celebration began Sunday, September 12, 1987, with pastor, church, mission personnel, and representatives from sister churches gathering for morning worship. Rev. Vernon Billington (retired, Fostoria) taught the adult Sunday School. Rev. Charles Vermillion, executive director of Continental Baptist Missions (C.B.M.) gave the sermons for the morning, evening, and dedicatory services.

During the 2:00 p.m. dedicatory service, Brothers Vermillion and Billington were assisted by the Revs. Tom Townsend (Calvary, Sandusky), Jim McClain (Calvary, Norwalk), and Jack McCullough (Berlin Heights, Berlin Heights). The church also held an open house for the community from 1 to 5 p.m.

Saddle Sayings From SKYVIEW RANCH

Super Summer! How else can one describe increased registrations, increased decisions, increased giving, increased volunteer work crews, and increased interest at the Skyview Baptist Ranch!

943 campers this Summer is 158 more than last year, an increase of 17%, with 192 recorded decisions. Our thanks to an excellent, compatible staff.

The projects completed at the Ranch are too numerous to report in a limited space. The Ranch House, the major project, is in the finishing and decorating stage and various women's groups are responding. Is yours? With the Nurse's quarters, the Infirmary, being shifted to the main building, the old quarters await remodeling into the Ranch offices. Here's a good worthwhile work project for some Men for Missions group.

Couples - October 9-10: Byron Shearer of Grace Baptist, Cedarville, speaker. "Discovering God's Awesome Revelation" Time, also, is scheduled to visit the Antique Festival in Millersburg. Only \$30, a \$10 deposit by October 5.

Grace Baptist began as a Bible study in June, 1979, in a Port Clinton home. Their teacher, Pastor Jeffrey of Calvary, Sandusky, encouraged the group to become a local, independent Baptist church, rather than continue to drive the 14 miles to Calvary. Pastor Jeffrey was helped by Tom Alexander and Charles Alexander, a B.M.N.A. missionary.

Calvary assisted Grace to purchase 5 acres of land, which were dedicated on September 27, 1981. Paul Margraff, a missionary with C.B.M., was called as first pastor and a full schedule of services were begun.

Grace called a Recognition Council on March 6, 1982. The Council recognized Grace as a duly organized and constituted Baptist Church. Grace was soon welcomed into the fellowship of the O.A.R.B.C. and the G.A.R.B.C.

After a year's vacancy, Pastor Howard and Shirley Reed, missionaries with C.B.M., were called to the pastorate. Work soon began so an edifice housing the congregation could be built. Missionary builders from C.B.M. were secured, saving the church many thousands of dollars in expense and interest. Work progressed enough so services could be moved from Gypsum school to the church building in July, 1987.

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